

Town of Medway

Cultural Council Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting Participation.



Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order of Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 order imposing strict limitations on the number of people that may gather in one place, no in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted at this meeting. Access via zoom is provided for the required opportunity for public participation at the bottom of the agenda.

The Medway Cultural Council meeting was held via zoom on December 8, 2020.

Present:

Chairman, Jennifer Kendall, Vice Chairman Jordan Warnick, Members: Hazel Warnick, Ancelin Wolfe, Phil Giangarra, Celeste Falcone, Gail Hachenberg, Judy Moffatt, Karyl Wang, Rebecca Atwood, Kim Blenkhorn, Valerie Shinas and Joanne Williams.

Chairman Kendall opened the meeting for the Cultural Council meeting at 7:08 pm.

Bridges Project

Chairman Kendall presented the bridges project which proposed having art on the bridges. Member Williams noted a good starting point for funding would be \$2,500. The goal of this project is to create more awareness of the Native Americans on the trails throughout Medway. The second goal is to promote education on Medway history including the perspective of Native American long-term residents in Medway and getting more communication between those groups. The idea of enhancing cultural experience through interactive exhibits will encourage residents to express their creativity as well as make the trail system more attractive. The town is funding all the permanent installations and signs on the trail. The cultural program is funding the music and the rest is volunteer based. Instead of art week, the bridges festival will take place.

On a motion made by Jennifer Kendall, seconded by Phil Giangarra, the committee voted by Roll Call vote to approve \$2,500 to support the Bridges Festival Project. Once the grant meeting occurs the committee will reevaluate the proposal.

Roll Call Vote:

Jordan Warnick	aye
Hazel Warnick	aye
Joanne Williams	aye
Ancelin Wolfe	aye
Kim Blenkhorn	aye
Angelica Crosby	aye
Valerie Shinas	aye
Phil Giangarra	aye
Judith Moffatt	aye
Gail Hachenberg	aye
Karyl Wong	aye

Mission Statement:

A collaborative mission statement is being proposed. The new mission statement is as follows, “The mission of the Medway Cultural Council is to support and cultivate the arts of Medway to accomplish this we offer grant funding program development and educational opportunities. Our goal is to provide our community with a wide range of cultural experiences including art music performance as well as traditions from around the world. We support and encourage local artists in a shared sense of community through cultural appreciation.”

On a motion made by Jennifer Kendall, seconded by Gail Hachenberg, the committee voted by roll call vote to adopt the mission statement as stated above.

Roll Call Vote:

Jordan Warnick	aye	
Hazel Warnick	aye	
Joanne Williams	aye	
Ancelin Wolfe		aye
Kim Blenkhorn	aye	
Angelica Crosby	aye	
Valerie Shinas	aye	
Phil Giangarra	aye	
Judith Moffatt	aye	
Gail Hachenberg	aye	
Karyl Wong	aye	

Upcoming January meeting:

The committee is talking about preparing for the upcoming January meeting which addresses all the grant submissions. The Council will decide who gets the grants as well as how much they will receive. At this point, there is no budget from the state which says how much the committee has to disburse. A spreadsheet was shown of those who are requesting the grants and how much t Chairman Kendall is going to send this information out to the council.

Budgeting Accounts:

Treasurer Giangarra talked about the cultural council accounts and the balances. One of the accounts has \$4,000 which is the town account, \$6,877.10 which is the arts expense, the other has \$3,160 which is the cultural council donations. \$2,500 will be taken out of the town account for the bridge proposal.

The Historical Society Grant:

Member Hachenberg mentioned that the historical society sent in a grant which is for an installation of memorial benches circling the flagpole. They are asking \$500 for the new grant. Karyl Wong said she will send a letter which acknowledges the new grant request, but states that they still have the old grant in effect which was the Victorian Christmas grant for \$340. The bench's grant request is an installation of memorial benches in the streets between North and School street which will be discussed in January.

Promotional Material:

The Committee discussed the promotional material which includes stickers and pens. The car decal ones are about \$6.00 a piece, the middle bumper sticker will go for about \$3.50. There have also been pens ordered. Those items and prices will be brought up in the marketing committee meeting. Jordan Warnick brought up the problem with the font for the stickers. The font is not normally available on word or other word processors. It is a minimal cost of \$20-25 to obtain that font. He is asking if the council will approve the cost to get that font approved.

On a motion made by Jennifer Kendall, seconded Gail Hachenberg, the committee voted by roll call vote to approve the \$25 fee to obtain the font for the promotional posters.

Roll Call Vote:

Jordan Warnick	aye	
Hazel Warnick	aye	
Joanne Williams	aye	
Ancelin Wolfe		aye
Kim Blenkhorn	aye	
Angelica Crosby	aye	
Valerie Shinas	aye	
Phil Giangarra	aye	

Judith Moffatt	aye
Gail Hachenberg	aye
Karyl Wong	aye

New Updates:

The library project has been moving along, the next set of envelopes with the new sticker are going out in January.

Renaming Subcommittees:

The subcommittees will be referred to as committees because the council is not a committee. They will be called a subcommittee or working group. There will be a chance to get invited to these committees if they are not council members.

Future Meeting:

- The future meeting date will be Tuesday, January 12, 2021.

On a motion made by Jennifer Kendall, seconded by Hazel Warnick, the Cultural Council voted by roll call vote to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Roll Call Vote:

Jordan Warnick	aye	
Hazel Warnick	aye	
Joanne Williams	aye	
Ancelin Wolfe		aye
Kim Blenkhorn	aye	
Angelica Crosby	aye	
Valerie Shinas	aye	
Phil Giangarra	aye	
Judith Moffatt	aye	
Gail Hachenberg	aye	
Karyl Wong	aye	

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Sutherland
Recording Secretary